Marijuana Denounced As Highly Dangerous Drug

(EDITOR'S NOTE: The following article was sent in from the office of Drs. Fratrick, Mathews and Powell. With the number of marijuana users increasing daily in our county, we feel that it may be beneficial to reprint this article. It may help just one person and, if so, we are pleased to have printed it.)

Judyth E. Finn
Medical Times Correspondent

A panel of "international medical experts on brain research," as they were termed in their news release, recently called a press conference in New York City to denounce marijuana as a "highly dangerous drug" whose expanded use can cause "a serious national health problem" and to "offer new evidence that marijuana can cause lasting brain damage, even from moderate use." (Moderate use was defined as smoking one "joint" per day over a period of months).

In his opening remarks, one panelist, Dr. Gabriel G. Nahas, M. D., Ph. D., who is Professor of Anesthesiology at Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons in New York, said:

"Sure it's true, as some charge, that there are no dead bodies yet from marijuana. But We have to remember that it took 60 years before cancer of the lung could be linked with heavy cigarette smoking. Back them, there was a great debate going on. Some 'experts' even said that taking a cigarette a day kept many healthy. I think we can take the cigarette disaster as a model. And the active ingredient in cigarettes is not even stored in the body the way the most active ingredient in marijuana, tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) is stored. I believe we're going to see active pathology and tissue damage in 15-20 years," Dr. Nahas predicted. "Of course, it will be too late for all those who reach the autopsy tables at that time. So between now and the, what do we do? That's why this panel is here . . . . to honestly express a warning."

The panel, in addition to Dr. Nahas, was composed of Dr. Robert G. Heath, Professor and Chairman of the Department of Psychiatry and Neurology at Tulane University School of Medicine, New Orleans; Dr. Frank Knight of the Department of Psychiatry, West Indies U., Jamaica, W. I.; Dr. Henry Brill, Clinical Professor of Psychiatry at State University of New York at Stony Brook and senior psychiatrist on the Task Force of the National Commission on Marijuana; and Dr. Nicholas A. Pace, Assistant Professor of Clinical Medicine at the NYU School of Medicine and president of the New York City affiliate of the National Council on Alcoholism.

The press conference was held on January 12, 1978 and proceeded a symposium on Marijuana, Alcohol and the Brain conducted at NYU Medical School under the direction of the NYC affiliate of the National Council on Alcoholism and a newly-formed private organization which calls itself The American Council on Marijuana and Other Psychotropic Drugs. This latter organization includes among its membership several of the panelists as well as such personalities as Tex McCrary and Floyd Patterson. Listed among its goals: "By helping to replace drugs, and indeed, life abuse with positive and constructive commitments to individual and social renewal, the Council hopes to foster a stable society, an enriched quality of life, and a renewed faith in and hope for the future."

The panel, in additon to promising new evidence that even moderate use of marijuana can cause brain damage, also stated their desire to challenge the "myth" that marijuana is a harmless drug—a myth which in their opinion has led to expanded use.

As the press conference got underway, Dr. Bill said:

"Once a habit is firmly established in a population, it is difficult to root out. Like cigarettes. This is one of the concerns of this panel. Also, we think it's important to define the controversy over marijuana. Actually, the controversy among people who work seriously in this field is 'how many and under what conditions.' I don't think anyone wants to give it to kids, to people driving cars or piloting airplanes, or patients with asthma or bronchitis.

"The was I see it," he said, "alcohol poses a certain treat to society. So does marijuana. I the campaign to decriminalize marijuana, its 'safety' has been oversold, and this is harmful. So what we have now is a double risk."

Dr. Pace contributed this observation: "There have been 75 independent scientific studies reported in the literature which have indicated that marijuana has a serious affect on the brain. This has not been given any real prominence by the media. A recent front page story in the Los Angeles Times reported that pot was found in the blood of one in five drunken drivers. In another highway study, it was found that 43% of automobile operators involved in motor vehicle accidents had been using a combination of alcohol and marijuana. Yet no one pays much attention to these facts!"

DR. HEATH'S EXPERIMENTS

At this point, several members of the media in attendance at the news conferenceased the panel to produce their "new evidence." Dr. Heath then took the floor and described his year-long experiment with a group of 13 Rhesus monkeys. These animals had been divided into three groups and exposed to dose levels of marijuana corresponding to "heavy" (7 joints per day), "moderate" (one point per day), and "light" (half a joint per day) human doses.

"We put the monkeys in special respirators and forced them to smoke five days each week," said Dr. Heath. "We observed behavioral changes right away—shortened attention spans, a decline in their problem-solving abilities, as well as dramatic changes in the brain recordings. Beginning about three months after the start of the experiment, these brain and behavioral changes began to last over the week end, and were present on Monday mornings.

"We continued to smoke them for another three months, then rested them for six months," he continued. "At the end of the year, we sacrificed the monkeys and did pathological studies. There were no observable changes under the light microscope. But, using the electron microscope, we found distinct and definite damage to brain cells in the heavy and moderate smokers. The brain atrophy was in areas known to correlate with areas in man's brain where thought, emotion and feelings originate.

"From this, I believe we can make a rough correlation with behavioral changes which are seen in moderate to heavy human marijuana smokers."

Dr. Heath also reported that while the monkeys were alive, they had been subjected to rigid behavioral tests by animal psychologists who found "one consistent change, a minor change towards apathy, indolence and reduction of awareness." Under questioning, Dr. Heath said that this change was found to be "of only borderline significance." No effects were found in light-smoking monkeys.

At the conclusion of Dr. Heath's testimony, one reporter asked Dr. Knight for his contributions to the discussion. Dr. Knight replied that, "from my clinical work with psychotics, it has been my observation that marijuana smoking acts as a screening process. In other words, those with psychotic tendencies may have these tendencies brought out by regular marijuana use. As the use of marijuana increases, I believe that society is becoming more endangered by these individuals. That is why I have come here to support the views of this panel."

Alabama Baptist

"Take heed therefore unto yourselves and to all the flocks, over which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he has purchased with his own blood. Acts 20:28. The 18th anniversary of Pastor Elliott and wife were a great success program. The M.C. were Rev. Howard O. Flood and guest speaker was Rev. James Miller. Opening song by choir; Scripture Mrs. Alice Moore, Prayer by Rev. Singerton; Welcome, Deacon Roger Jackson and response, Mrs. Magonalia Franklin. Tribute Mrs. Catherine Haskins; Rev. Miller read Acts 20:28, Luke 9:60. Theme, "Don't Give Up". A lovely message was delivered by Rev. Miller. Special donations were given. Remarks by Rev. Venable and Rev. Singerter. Donation as follows were made to family, Washington, D.C.; Deacon and Mrs. Roger Jackson and family, Deacon and Mrs. James Moore and family, Rev. and Mrs. Wyatt Venable and family, Mr. and Mrs. Hylner Haskins and Ann, Mrs. Annie Wheeler, Mrs. Ruth Wheeler, Mrs. Frances Walker, Mrs. Lessie Thompson, Deacon and Mrs. Woodrow Haskins and family, Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Bailey, Jasper Lamberth, and Buckingham Gospel Chorus. The Rev. was presented with a flower pot with flowers made out of money - $100.00 from church and friends. We thank each one for special donations toward the flower pot. The Men's Chorus of Pamplin sung songs during offering time and the members of Buckingham Chorus were present.

We, the Alabama Baptist, thank each and everyone for their support.

Rev. Flood was presented a Bible cake Rev. and Mrs. Wyatt Venable and Rev. and Mrs. James Miller were also presented a Bible cake. The anniversary cake was presented to Rev. and Mrs. Curtis Elliott by Deacon Woodrow Haskins, Mrs. Moore, Mrs. Haskins. A special cake from Mrs. King was given to Rev. Elliott, also.

May God bless each and everyone of you. Don't forget to pray for the sick.

Mills Appointed Manager of Local Ritter Finance

Frank E. Mills was recently appointed manager of the Ritter Finance Company office at Route 460, Triangle Plaza, Appomattox. It was announced by William T. McGowan, President of the eight state consumer finance company.

A resident of Bedford, Mills has been with the Ritter System since October, 1973, and has served in a number of positions of responsibility.

Mills received his high school education at Liberty High School, Bedford, Va., and attended Central Virginia Community College, Lynchburg.

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ACHS Received New Book

Mrs. Helen S. Statton, the aunt of Linda Dawn Rosser, has given a book titled **Vincent Van Gogh** by Marc Edo Tralbaut in memory of her niece. The work of Vincent Van Gogh, is interesting and exciting, many of his contemporaries, received little publication until after his death in 1890. In the years since, it has been university acclaimed. In this book, the most comprehensive study of Van Gogh ever published, Marc Edo Tralbaut, the leading world authority on the artist, presents an intensely moving and revealing account of his life and work, his crises and defeats, his doubts and accomplishments.

If you take time out, stop in the Appomattox County High School Library to see this wonderful book, and say hello to Vincent Van Gogh.

Mrs. Dickerson's 4-H Club

Mrs. Dickerson's 4-H Club met the 12th of May. Mrs. Sweet and Miss Hudson led us in our 4-H meeting. The recreation leaders led us in a game of 7-Up. Then the vice president said that this month's program is about pull up for milk.

Dairy Month is June. Posters will be taken up June 2. The Health project books will be taken up the 16th and please bring all Health books you have. Forms were pasted out for 4-H Camp. The camp fee is $32.00. The dog show will be May 30, 1978.

Mr. Sweet showed us some slides about the dog show. Mr. Sweet showed us his dogs, "Crackers" and "Muffet".

Carol Ann Jennings

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Father Darkleaf

BY
CALVIN ROBINSON

Greetings to the month of June, to whatever comes up in gardens, and Bob Hope's birthday. So long to a cool May. Memorial Day week end, and school days. Food memories to thirteen cent postage; best wished to June brides. The longest day of the year comes in June, but no day is long enough to get everything done. Father's Day coming up, vacation planning is upon us, and lawnmowing keeps us busy.

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From my note pad . . . I remember from boyhood days that there are some hills where you just have to get off your bike and push.

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Appomattox looks great, with more roses in bloom than I remember seeing. As you drive around, glance at the roses, and be proud. In my library I have a copy of The Complete Book of Roses, by Dorothy H. Jenkins and I am now reading it. Roses have been around since earliest of times, but I find but two mentions of the rose as a flower in the Bible . . . Songs of Soloman 2:1 and Isaiah 35:1. Today there are from 6 to 10 thousand varieties and rose culture is an art. There is no such thing today as "the last rose of summer" for nurseries, etc. make them available all year. Poetry and history have been enriched by the rose. There was even a War of the Roses.

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Some five hundred joggers were in Yorktown for a running event over the week end, over a course of about eight miles. Only four of them finished ahead of Richard Ferguson of Appomattox.

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More note pad stuff . . . one of the worst things you can do is sneeze into a loaded ash tray.

Lots of new brooms and mops in town. The Lions Club members were making door to door calls Thursday evening as a fund raising project. Sure, I purchased one, didn't you?

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Among my books is a volume of British poets printed in 1804. One of the poets featured is Thomas Gray, famous for his Elegy Written in A Country Church Yard. Another of Gray's poems in this book was Ode of The Death of a Favorite Cat, and ends with these lines: "Not all that tempts your wandering eyes and headless hearts, is lawful prize; nor all, that glitters, gold."

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Set out six tomato and three pepper plants thus far and all seem to be surviving. And birds take notice, my sunflower seeds are on schedule. The watermelon and muskmelon seeds are still thinking it over.

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Appomattox received some excellent publicity on TV over the week end, with a program on the final days and hours of the War Between the States, ending here April 9, 1865. Nowadays love of History brings more visitors to Appomattox than were in the combined armies of Lee and Grant in April, 1865.

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In a parking lot I looked down and found a penny. I try to keep found coins, for good luck.

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Congratulations to Brother Lloyd Vaughan and The Times-Virginian staff for the big issue last week in honor of school graduates.

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I had planned to write at some length this week on a great artist, born in 1820, and claimed by many of have been blessed with the sweetest voice of any lady of all time. But space is too short now and will have to set that aside, asking only if you ever heard of The Swedish Nightingale?

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Thanks for reading and seeya next week.

Continental Telephone Announces Dialing Changes For Appomattox & Pamplin

New dialing procedures for Person to Person, Collect, Credit Card and Third Number Billing calls go into effect on Friday, June 2 for Appomattox Customers (832 Exchange) and Monday, June 12 for Pamplin customers (248 Exchange.)

The new dialing procedures will allow a customer to dial direct those premium type long distance calls now requiring operator assistance to complete. The customer will simply dial "0" plus the desired telephone number. The operator will then come on the line briefly to determine the type of call desired and the necessary billing information. The call will then be connected automatically. Existing procedures for direct dialing of Station to Station long distance calls will not change.

Tom Phelps, Customer Service Manager stated, "The most economical type long distance call for our customers will continue to be the direct dialed Station to Station call. However, for those customers making Person to Person, Collect, Credit Card and Third Number Billing calls, the new dialing procedures will allow their calls to be connected faster and more efficiently. Should anyone have a question about the new procedure, please give our Business Office a call."

ANNUAL WOW PICNIC SET FOR JUNE 11th

The Woodmen of the World Annual Picnic will be held Sunday, June 11th, at the WOW Building.

Lunch will be served at 1:00 p.m. All ladies are asked to bring their favorite dessert.

Soil and Water Conservation Plans Public Meetings

Public meetings will be held in every county in the Robert E. Lee Soil and Water Conservation District to get public participation in establishing conservation needs. A new public law, the Soil and Resources Conservation Act of 1977 that was signed into law in November, requires the consideration of public needs and desires.

Secretary of Agriculture, Bob Bergland, has directed the Soil Conservation Service people to work closely with local conservation districts to develop an accurate and meaningful appraisal of existing conservation programs and a grass-roots program to ensure an effective, workable conservation program in the future.

Three meetings planned in the District are: Appomattox, June 12, Rustburg, June 13 and Amherst, June 14.

The Resources Conservation Act meeting in Appomattox will be held at 8:00 P. M. Monday, June 12 at the Farmer's National Bank Triangle Plaza Branch Conference Room. Individuals or representatives of groups with an interest in conservation should attend this meeting. Ideas for the improvement of conservation will be summarized and used at the state and national level to assure that public needs are considered in national policy.

Actions required by the law, which is now being termed the "Resource Conservation Act," include gathering data to appraise the condition of America's soil and water

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Trommy Sesler Crusade Continues

The Steering Committee of the Central Virginia Tommy Sesler Crusade reports that Tommy Sesler, Evangelist from Nashville, Tennessee and Bob Ward, Music Evangelist from Nashville, will be back June 5 to continue crusade evangelistic meetings due to the great response of the recent meetings held May 7 - 16. The Committee indicates that Appomattox and the surrounding areas are experiencing one of the greatest revivals in its history. Who said, "revivalism is dead in America?" "Old-time religion" and "born-again" Christianity are still alive and well! Hundreds experienced true revival during the recent crusade held in the ACHS Auditorium May 7 - 16. Originally scheduled only for May 7 - 13, the crusade attendance increased nightly and more than 300 public decisions were made for Christ. Because of the impact of the Crusade on this area, the people did not want the meetings to end. Therefore, it was decided by those in attendance on the last night of the crusade to invite Tommy and Bob back to continue evangelistic meetings on June 5 at the ACHS Auditorium. Meetings will move to the Appomattox County Elementary School Auditorium on Highway 460 beginning Tuesday, June 6. The Crusade will begin promptly at 8 p.m. Bob Ward, Crusade Choir Director, invites anyone interested in singing in the choir to meet at 7 p.m. nightly for rehearsal. Everyone is invited to attend this great interdenominational crusade.

Here is the story of how the crusade began: During October of 1976, Tommy Sesler led the Liberty Baptist Church in Appomattox in what is believed by many to have been one of the greatest revivals in the history of the church. Near the end of the week many people were asking, "Can we bring Tommy Sesler back to this area again? . . . not in just one church but for a city-wide crusade . . . ." At the same time an area-wide crusade was in the planning

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SCHOOL BOARD WILL MEET JUNE 7th

The Appomattox County School Board will meet in regular session in the Board Room in Appomattox on Wednesday, June 7, 1978 at 3 p.m.

Items on the agenda will include adoption of school board policies, review and discussion of Appomattox County Education Association Program Action, review and discussion of Annual and Six-Year Division Plans, approval of student fees for 1978-79 session, review and approval of school board liability and property insurance for 1978 fiscal year, and a financial report.

Get Tuned In And Turned On

There are great things happening in Appomattox County and you will learn about some of them if you tune in the Farm and Home Show, on WSET Channel 13, at 8 a.m. this Saturday, June 3.

The show will feature Mr. Raymond Dickerson telling about the Pamplin Pipe Factory; Mrs. Harriett Robinson sharing information about the Arts and Crafts Center; and Mrs. Ethel Evans, Mrs. Louise Plunkett, and Mrs. Reba Bruce talking about the Patchwork Festival.

Mrs. Shirley Walton and Miss Pat Hudson, Extension Agents in Appomattox County, will be hostessing the program. Don't miss it.

Dept. of Education Plans To Improve Academic Achievement

MAY 31 - Beginning next fall students in the first, second and and third grades will be laying the foundation for a long-range program to improve the academic achievement of students in Virginia's public schools.

During the 1978-79 school year these students will be tested to determine how well they know the basic skills of reading and mathematics. Records will be kept of each child's success or failures These records will follow the child as long as he or she remains in the public school system.

At the other end of the grade-level spectrum, ninth and tenth graders also will be giving reading and mathematics tests. The tenth graders have already been put on notice by the Board of Education that they will be required to pass the competency tests before being eligible to receive high school diplomas in 1981.

These two different, but interrelated, programs are segments of a closely coordinated plan to bolster the academic skills of public school students. Department of Education officials estimate that approximately 300,000 students in the five grades will be given the tests during 1978-79.

Basic skills tests in reading and mathematics will be given in grades 1 through 3 next fall. Children in grade 4 will be included in the primary testing program in 1979 and those in grades 5 and 6 will be tested in 1980. The tests, which will be given annually, will measure progress the students have made toward meeting basic learning skills objectives set by the Board of Education.

In a norm-referenced test, the score of each student can be compared with scores of other students who have taken the same test under standardized conditions. Thus, it is possible to tell where a student stands in relation to other students in the same grade or group.

The high school graduation competency program began in 1976 when secondary school accreditation standards were revised by the Board of Education. Included in the standards were requirements that each high school student, to graduate, must have the

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ACHS Names Honor Students

Baccalaureate And Commencement Exercises Announced

The faculty and administration of Appomattox County High School cordially invite the community to the Baccalaureate and Commencement Exercises for the graduating class of 1978.

Baccalaureate services will be held on Sunday evening, June 4, at 8:00 p.m. in the Appomattox County High School auditorium. The speaker will be Rev. Carl B. Hutcherson, Jr., of Lynchburg, Virginia. The choir, directed by Miss Teresa Quensenberry, will sing.

Commencement Exercises will be held at the Appomattox Middle School stadium on Friday evening, June 9, 1978, at 8:00 p.m.

The welcome will be given by the Senior Class President, Ronnie Richardson. David Berlin Eye, Valedictorian, and Glen Wade Duff, Salutatorian, will speak. Guest speaker will be Representative Dan Daniels of the 5th Congressional District.

The Processional and the Recessional will be played by the Appomattox County High School Band under the direction of Mr. Frank Coffey.

No tickets are required for admission. In case of inclement weather, the Commencement Exercises will be held in the Appomattox County High School auditorium. Tickets will be issued to parents.

Class Day Exercises will be held on Monday, June 5, 1978, at 10:00 a.m. in the Appomattox County High School Auditorium. Parents and friends are extended an invitation.

Honor graduates were announced this week by Principal Donald L. Armentrout and the Guidance Department. Students qualifying for highest honor status have attained a cumulative average of 3.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale. The school and community commend these students for their academic excellence and the qualities of leadership, character, and service.

DAVID BERLIN EYE, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Eye of Morton Lane, Appomattox, is Valedictorian of the Class of 1978. David is a member of the National Honor Society, Student Council Representative, Yearbook Staff member, member of the Drama Club, member of the Career Council, and member of the Cross Country and Track Teams. He has been a member of the Latin Club, Newspaper Staff, Future Farmers of America, Varsity Club, Stage Band, and was business manager of the Drama Club. He is a member of Liberty Baptist Church and past member of the Liberty Youth Choir. David was nominated by the faculty and selected by the state committee to attend the 1977 Governor's School for the Gifted. He was designated a Commended Student in the 1978 National Merit Scholarship Program. He is the recipient of the Army ROTC Scholarship, which is awarded on a competitive basis to young men who plan to enter Army ROTC as college freshmen. Scholastic achievements, leadership ability, and motivation are the key factors in the selection system. David will attend the College of William and Mary this fall. He will be enrolled in the pre-medical curriculum. His career goal is to be an ophthalmologist.

GLEN WADE DUFF, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Duff, Jr., Route 4, Appomattox, is Salutatorian of the Class of 1978. Glen is vice president of the National Honor Society, member of the Vocational Industrial Clubs of America, Newspaper Artist, Varsity Club member, and received a tennis letter in 1977. As yearbook artist he has illustrated the yearbook cover for his junior and senior years. He designed the Appomattox County Flag. Glen is a Seven Palm Eagle Scout in the Boy Scouts of America and is Chapter Chief in the Order of the Arrow, which is the National Association for Honor Campers devoted to fellowship and service. He has done art work for the National Eagle Scout Association newsletter. He won first place in the 1978 state "Keep Virginia Green Poster Contest," sponsored by the Virginia Forestry Association. Glen will attend Virginia Commonwealth University and major in Communication Art and Design. He has been accepted in the Advanced Placement Art Foundation 10 Weeks Summer Program as the result of his outstanding art portfolio. Thereafter, he will be enrolled as a sophomore in the '78-'79 fall semester. Glen's career goal is to be a commercial illustrator.

Other honor graduates are listed below.

MARGARET MARLENE MOORE, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Claude A. Moore of Route 3, Appomattox. She has been very active during her high school career as a member and present secretary of the National Honor Society, a member of SCA, FHA, Varsity Club, and chorus. She has played Varsity Volleyball and Varsity Basketball for four years and run track for two years. She was co-captain of the Volleyball Team for 1977-78 and captain of the Track Team for 1978. In basketball she has received recognition as "Most Improved Player" and "Best Defensive Player." Marlene is a member of Mt. Comfort Methodist Church where she is pianist and organist. She has also been secretary and president of her youth group. Marlene plans to attend Virginia Baptist Hospital School of Nursing in the fall.

LAURA MARIE FRALEY is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs Charles Fraley, Jr. of Appomattox. She has been an active member of the National Honor Society, Varsity Club, WACHS Radio Staff, Newspaper Club, and a member of the Varsity Volleyball, Basketball, and Track Teams. Marie played Varsity sports four years, received All-District Awards in Basketball, Volleyball and Track, was co-captain of the Basketball and Volleyball Team for the 1977-78 season, was named the Most Valuable Player in Basketball and received various other awards in sports. She plans to attend James Madison University in the fall.

MARINDA GAY LAWSON is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred H. Lawson of Route 2, Appomattox. She has been very active during her high school career as president of the National Honor Society, business manager of The Traveler yearbook staff, tri-captain of the girls' tennis team, a participant in the Senior Class play ROCK-N-ROLL, and a princess on both the Homecoming and the Prom Courts. Rindy attended the 1977 Presidential Classroom for Young Americans in Washington, D. C. and was a delegate to Virginia Girls State. During previous years she served as vice president of the SCA, sophomore class president, and was a member of the Latin Club, Spanish Club, FHA, and Inter-Club Council. She is a member of Memorial United Methodist Church where she serves as assistant organist. Rindy plans to attend the College of William and Mary in the Fall with a possible major in the area of social and behavioral sciences.

LORETTA LYNN LETTNER is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James L. Lettner of Route 2, Appomattox, Virginia. During her high school career she has been reporter of the SCA, a member of the National Honors Society, member and secretary of the Career Council and a member of the annual staff. She attended the 1977 Presidential Classroom for Young Americans in Washington, D. C. Loretta plans to attend the College of William and Mary.

ROBERT MONROE DYESS, JR. is the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Dyess of Route 4, Appomattox, Virginia. Robert has participated in many extracurricular activities. Scholastic honors are: member of National Honor Society, Boys State, Who's Who Among American High School Students, the DAR Good Citizen Award, State Leadership School (FFA), Varsity sports and honors are: Varsity Football Tri-Captain, J. V. Football Co-Captain and the Track team, Most Valuable Defensive Player; ACHS, Honorable mention 1977 All-District Linebacker, 2nd team All-Area offensive guard. Extracurricular, community and church activities are: FFA Secretary 10th grade, FFA vice-president 11th grade, FFA president 12th grade, Student Council Association, Freshman Class President, State Farmer Degree, Star Chapter Farmer and attended State 4-H Congress (2 Years). Robert is a member of Hebron Baptist Church Teen Choir. He plans to attend the United States Military Academy at West Point. He will be an eng-

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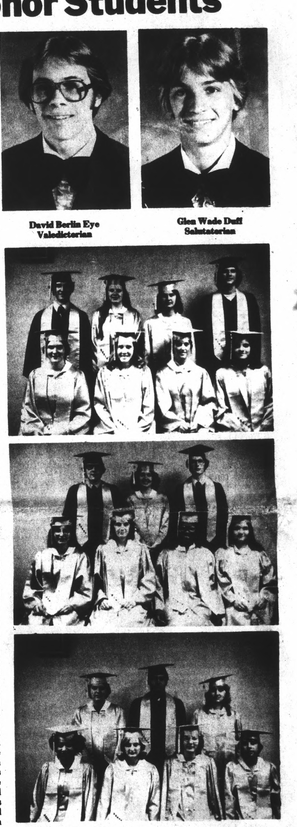

David Berlin Eye
Valedictorian

Glen Wade Duff
Salutatorian

#1,#2, #3 - Donald L. Armentrout, Principal at Appomattox County High School, has announced the names of honor graduates of the Class of 1978. Valedictorian is David Berlin Eye and Salutatorian is Glen Wade Duff, top photoes.

Students shown in the above three photos have earned a 3.5 average or above during their years in high school and make up the remainder of the top twenty-four honor graduates of the Senior Class.

In the top photo, front row, left to right, are Laura Jeanne Shorter, Laura Marie Fraley, Marinda Gay Lawson and Judy Diane Ayers; and on the back row, left to right, are Robert Monroe Dyess, Jr., Laurie Selz, Nancy Lewis Stratton, and Robin Wallace Moore.

In the center photo, front row from left, are Brenda Sue Bowling, Veronica Laine Franklin, Bernice Rose McIvor, and Rose, Inez Glenn; and, on back row from left, Darrell Wade Puckett, Loretta Lynne Lettner, and Walker Louis Covington.

Honor graduates shown in bottom photo, front row, left to right, are Marzetta Faye Hodnett, Bernsta Elaine Moore, Margaret Marlene Moore, and Connie Frances Murray; and on back row from left, are Sheryl Yvonne Martin, Ronnie Edward Richardson, and Bessie Gaye Hash.